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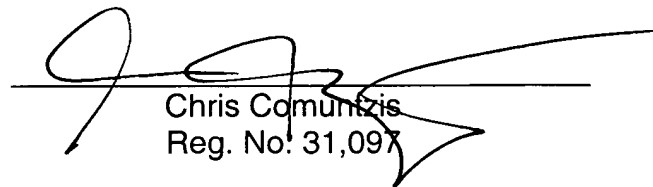
Attached is a completed PTO-1449 Form listing references in connection with this application. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report.

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